

REMARKS

Claim Rejections

Claims 1, 7, 10 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Morris et al. (U.S. 2004/0165823) in view of Te Kolste et al. (U.S. 2004/0042081). Claims 2-6, 8 and 9 are objected to as being depend upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Drawings

It is noted that the Examiner has accepted the drawings as originally filed with this application.

Claim Amendments

By this Amendment, Applicant has canceled claim 2 and has amended claims 1, 3, 10 and 11 of this application. It is believed that the amended claims specifically set forth each element of Applicant's invention in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 2-6, 8 and 9 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant's amended claim 1 comprises a combination of original claims 1 and 2, thus redrafting claim 2 in independent form. Amended claim 3 and original claims 5-9 all depend from amended claim 1. Applicant's amended claim 10 comprises a combination of original claims 10 and 2, thus incorporating the allowable subject matter of claim 2 into claim 10. Amended claim 11 depend from amended claim 10. In the absence of any art cited against Applicant's original claim 2, it is not believed that any detailed discussion of the cited prior art references is necessary. Suffice to say that all of the claims remaining in this patent application contain subject matter against which no prior art citations have been made.

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Summary

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Should any points remain in issue, which the Examiner feels could best be resolved by either a personal or a telephone interview, it is urged that Applicant's local attorney be contacted at the exchange listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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